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FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM DANANG OCT 5 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE: DANANG 222

SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES IN THUA THIEN

REF: DANANG 154 AND 177

1. 24 OF ORIGINAL 35 CANDIDATES WERE QUALIFIED FOR SECOND POSTING ON OCT 1, HOWEVER, 3 MORE CANDIDATES WITHDREW AT LAST MINUTE LEAVING 21 CANDIDATES CONTESTING THUA THIEN'S 4 SEATS.

(1)

FOLLOWING ARE CANDIDATES IN ORDER THEY APPEAR:

(1) NGUYEN VAN BAN-CIVIL SERVANT
(2) TRAN PHUOC THANH-FORMER ARVN MAJOR, ORIGINALLY DIS-QUALIFED FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY WAS REINSTATED BY CENTRAL

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ELECTION COMMITTEE (CEC):
(3) VO MANH DONG = ARVN CAPTAIN
(4) VO VAN BANG = PROVINCE COUNCILLOR, ORIGINALLY DISQUALIFIED FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY, WAS REINSTATED BY CEC. ALLEGEDLY A FORMER DAI VIET.
(5) LE CAM = FORMER ARVN OFFICER, CATHOLIC
(6) NGUYEN NGOC CHIA = ARVN MAJOR AND FORMER QUANG TIN PROVINCE CHIEF. ORIGINALLY DISQUALIFIED FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY, WAS REINSTATED BY CEC.
(7) DO [illegible]UC TU = "NTT" VNQDD, CAMPAIGN REP FOR SUU/DAN
(8) NGUYEN MANH HUYEN = VNQDD, CLOSE TO GEN NGUYEN CHANH THI
(9) DO THANH QUANG = VNQDD, REPORTEDLY RELATED TO DO MAU
(10) NGUYEN MANH LIEN = NORTHERNER, RAN CA ELECTION IN HUE AN POST
(11) LE TUNG = CIVIL SERVANT
(12) NGUYEN DUC NHUAN = PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR, ALLEGED TAN DAI VIET. ORIGINALLY ELIMINATED FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY WAS REINSTATED BY CEC.
(13) NGUYEN LY TUONG = REV DAI VIET AND CATHOLIC
(14) VINH DUY = REV DAI VIET

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(15) MISS TRUONG NGOC THU = REV DAI VIET
(16) NGUYEN CONG NGHE = ALLEGED TAN DAI VIET
(17) LE NGOC KY = KY BO VNQDD
(18) NGUYEN XUAN TUU = ARVN MAJOR
(19) HA THUC THANG = CIVIL SERVANT
(20) VO LONG TE = TEACHER, FORMER ARVN OFFICER
(21) NGUYEN VAN DUONG = VNQDD

2. THOSE WHO WITHDREW VOLUNTARILY AT LAST MINUTE WERE:

A. TRAN QUANG HUE
B. NGUYEN KHOA PHAM = FORMER CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCE COUNCIL
C. NGUYEN NGAN = VICE CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCE COUNCIL

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3. THOSE EXCLUDED WERE:

A. NGUYEN KHAC THIEU - FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
B. NGUYEN DUC TRUNG - PROVINCE COUNCILLOR FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
C. NGO VAN BANG - FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
D. DOANG NGOC TANG - CHAIRMAN PROVINCE COUNCIL AND REV DAI VIET FOR VC CONNECTIONS.
E. HOANG CONG CHU - FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
F. CAO VAN CHUAN - PROVINCE COUNCILLOR FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
G. MAI DUY TAUAT - WITHDREW CANDIDACY
H. BUI THE CAN - CATHOLIC AND BUDDHA WITHDREW CANDIDACY

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I. [illegible] THUY - PROVINCE COUNCILLOR FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY
J. LE VAN CO - FOR BEING PRO-COMMUNIST
K. TON THAT QUYNG NAM - FOR STRUGGLE ACTIVITY AND BEING PRO-COMMUNIST

4. AS IN HUE, MUCH DEPENDS ON WHOM BUDDHISTS DECIDE TO SUPPORT. GIVEN PAST BACKGROUND, MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES TO DRAW SUCH SUPPORT APPEAR TO BE #2 - THANH, #14 - BANG, #6 - NGHIA AND #12 CHUAN. REV DAI VIET SUPPORT WILL GO TO #14 - TUONG, #15 - DUY AND #16 - NGOC TAU. AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN RDV AND CATHOLICS ALSO SEEMS POSSIBLE WHICH MIGHT GIVE EXTRA RDV VOTE TO #5 - CAM AND CATHOLIC VOTE TO RDV CANDIDATES VNGDD SUPPORT WILL PROBABLY BE DIVIDED AS USUAL. CANDIDATES #7 - TU, #8 - HUYEN AND #9 - QUANG MAY BE CAMPAIGNING TOGETHER. OTHER KNOWN VNGDD RUNNING ARE #17 KY AND #21 DUONG. IF BUDDHISTS DO DECIDE TO SUPPORT A GROUP OF CANDIDATES REAL CONTEST WILL BE BETWEEN BUDDHISTS AND A PROBABLE CATHOLIC - RDV COALITION.

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